

## Christie Administration Announces FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program Extended for Residents Affected by Hurricane Sandy

New Jersey Approved for 14-Day Extension of Program

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**Trenton, NJ** – The Christie Administration today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program has been extended for 14 days to the end of January 25, 2013.

"We continue to encourage people who sustained losses as a result of Sandy to register with FEMA if they haven't already," said Governor Christie. "Help is available, but the first and most important step to receiving assistance is to contact FEMA."

FEMA activated its Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy at New Jersey's request. The program allows eligible survivors who cannot return to their homes because of damage caused by the storm to stay in participating hotels or motels until more suitable housing is available.

The extension means eligible people can receive TSA assistance through January 25 with a check-out date of January 26, 2013.

Individuals and households may be eligible for TSA if they register with FEMA for assistance; pass identity verification; have a primary residence located in a geographic area that is designated for TSA; and are displaced from their residence.

Individuals who have questions regarding their eligibility should contact the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA).

To register with FEMA, call the phone number listed above or visit <u>www.disasterassistance.gov</u> on the Internet.